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## HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS IN THE GDR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

### New Hospitals for Miners

The new hospital for miners in Erlabrunn, near Schwarzenberg, Sachsen, can accommodate up to 1,200 patients.(1) At the "Karl Marx" Coal Mines, a new hospital is to be built, for which 261,000 Deutsche marks were allocated by the government. Of this sum, 26,000 Deutsche marks are allocated for medical equipment.(2)

Zabelitz Rural Hospital

One of the largest rural hospitals in the GDR is located at Zabelitz, Sachsen. This hospital is housed in an old castle, is equipped to handle maternity cases and dental work, and has X-ray facilities, therapeutic baths, radiation-treatment facilities, and therapeutic-massage facilities.(3)

Hospital for Chronic Diseases

The Ludwig Hoffman Hospital for Chronic Diseases is located in Berlin-Buch. Its director is Dr Georges [fnu]. One of the chief services of the hospital is the treatment of rheumatic diseases. One special building of the hospital is devoted entirely to physical therapy. A Swiss "Syncardon" for the treatment of disturbances in the peripheral circulation of the blood is considered one of the hospital's prized possessions.(4)

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New Hospital in Hennigsdorf

The most modern hospital in the GDR is soon to be completed in Hennigsdorf. The cost of the hospital is 15 million Deutsche marks. The hospital will have accommodations for 300 male patients and 240 female patients. In addition, there will be hospital accommodations for infants, a 14-room pharmacy, several laboratories, five amphitheatres, septic and aseptic operating rooms, bathing installations, a polyclinic, an isolation ward, and an auditorium seating 200.(5)

National-Prize-Winning Physicians

Professor Dr Heller [fnu], a surgeon and one of the recipients of the 1953 National Prize, is a member of the German Academy of Science and professor emeritus at the University of Leipzig. Dr Heller's specialities are surgery of the abdominal organs, the joints, and the brain. He introduced a method for removing foreign metallic particles from the brain with a giant magnet. Among his published works is a text on the technique of operations for esophagospasm. At present, he is also active as consulting surgeon at the new Erlabrunn Hospital for Miners.

Professor Dr Albrecht Peiper, another recipient of the National Prize, is the director of the children's clinic at the University of Leipzig. He is credited with making possible the lowering of the infant death rate in the GDR by 27 percent during the last 3 years. Professor Peiper was born in Greifswald in 1889 and studied medicine at the university in his home town. At present, his two primary concerns are the determination of factors causing deaths of premature babies and measures for assuring the purity of milk fed to babies.(6)

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